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Project Subject: Amendment of Project ID/I-229-53 to Include
Capabilities and Vulnerabilities of the USSR
Building Materials Industry

Sub-Project Identification: NA

Amendment No: NA

Originating Division : Foreign Documents Division, 00

a. **Division Chief:**

b. **Branch Chief :**

c. **Case Officer :**

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Target Area: USSR

Type of Project : Survey of Russian-language material for data
on the capabilities and vulnerabilities of the
USSR building materials industry

Financial Mechanism: Direct Purchase of Services

Funds Requested : FY 1957

Current Status : Original project approved June 1953 and
operative through FY 1956

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1. **OBJECTIVE:** The objective is extensive exploitation of Soviet serial and monographic literature for information of intelligence value pertaining to the USSR building materials industry.
2. **ORIGIN and POLICY GUIDANCE:**
 - a. Origin. Requirement levied by the Office of Research and Reports on Foreign Documents Division.
 - b. Whence proposed. Headquarters
3. **SITUATION:** Project DD/I 229-53 was approved 10 June 1953 and has continued to operate through fiscal year 1956. By 1 July 1956, \$19,500 will have been paid for the work. Two qualified linguists have been under contract for part of the year on the project and have satisfactorily conducted the necessary exploitation and provided the desired information on the Soviet petroleum industry. This called for search into previously published material and will be substantially completed by 1 July 1956.

For some time there has been a continuous growth of significant gaps in intelligence on the USSR building materials industry and it has been determined by current intelligence projects in OHR that an extensive exploitation of available unclassified Soviet published material is a prerequisite to the abridgment of these gaps, and to the formulation of a base from which to evaluate current Soviet plans and operations. Due to the large volume of material available it will necessitate full time for two linguists on the project.
4. **PROPOSAL:** That the FY 1957 contract with the two contractees now on the project be executed calling for full time of both linguists for exploitation of Russian-language material for data on the USSR building materials industry.

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5. OPERATIONAL OUTLINE:

a. Sub-proposal or tasks. The exploitation of unclassified Soviet serial and monographic literature will consist basically of:

- (1) A directed search for specific information on the USSR building materials industry needed to fill intelligence gaps, and;
- (2) Translation of pertinent items of intelligence value

The contractees will turn in rough copy which will be reviewed by FDD intelligence officers prior to its transmittal to GRR and other consumer offices. Administrative and operational control will be provided by the FDD Case Officer.

b. Key personnel

- (1) Chief, Foreign Documents Division, OO. Has responsibility for over-all coordination of external research contracts involving the processing of foreign language material.
- (2) Deputy Chief, [REDACTED] FDD. Will act as Case Officer, providing administrative and operational control over contractees.
- (3) Contractees. Are qualified Russian linguists able to screen and sift a large volume of material rapidly. Have experience necessary to do medium level research, and know how to use reference materials.

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c. Indigenous groups and/or leaders. NA

d. Target groups. NA

e. Duration. FY 1957

f. Graphic illustrations. NA

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6. SECURITY:

- a. Cover. No cover will be required. A name check clearance with the Security Office will be made before a contract is drawn with an individual.
- b. Knowledgeability. The briefing given the contractees will not involve classified information or materials. The contractees will know that they are working for CIA, but will have knowledge of the project sufficient only for their purposes, and will not know CIA's objectives or the use of the results of their work.
- c. Operational security. NA
- d. Risks. NA
- e. Personnel disposal. NA
- f. Disaster plan. NA

7. COORDINATION:

- a. Relation to other projects. Project will continue to be conducted as in FY 1956.
- b. Significance within over-all program in area. Contribution will be invaluable in providing support for current studies of the capabilities and vulnerabilities of a key industry (building materials industry) in the key target area (USSR). See 3 above.
- c. Extent of coordination. Coordination will be effected with the appropriate subcommittee of the EIC.

8. CONTROL:

- a. Nature of. FDD/CO will assume responsibility for direct administrative and operational control of the contractees and their work. No other control necessary.

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- b. Administrative plan. NA
- c. Reports. No unusual report procedures required.

9. BUDGET DATA:

- a. Total over-all CIA funds required for FY 1957: \$10,500, all to be expended as pay for two full-time linguists.
- b. Availability of CIA funds required. Unvouchered funds to the extent of \$6500 were included in the FID/00 FY 1957 budget. Certification for the remaining \$4000 to be obtained.
- c. Non-CIA funds. NA
- d. Foreign currency. NA
- e. Funding. Request sufficient additional unvouchered funds be allocated to FID/00 in FY 1957 budget.
- f. Financial history. Project DD/I 229-53 was approved in June 1953. Expenditures on the project were as follows:

\$ 500	- FY 1953	1 linguist
6000	- FY 1954	1 linguist
6500	- FY 1955	2 part-time linguists
<u>6500</u>	- FY 1956	2 part-time linguists

Total of \$19500 expended on the project up to 1 July 1956

- g. Future requirements. Continuation of the project for FY 1958 is anticipated.

10. SUPPORT DATA:

- a. Total CIA personnel. Sufficient headquarters personnel are available to handle the project.
- b. Materiel. NA
- c. Communications. NA
- d. Other CIA support. NA
- e. Support required from other United States agencies. NA

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11. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- a. Current status. Amendment and expansion of existing project
- b. Commitments. None at present
- c. Effectiveness. NA
- d. Anticipated results. Soviet published material, openly procured, is an exceptionally abundant source of information of intelligence value on the subject field. Work performed under the terms of this contract will consist of a systematic and thorough processing of this material. The results will substantially increase the raw intelligence data available to CIA offices charged with the preparation of finished intelligence estimates concerning the capabilities and vulnerabilities of the USSR building materials industry. It is worth noting that the nature of the subject field relates it closely to the entire construction effort mounted by all sectors of the Soviet economy.
- e. Evaluation. By FDD/CO
- f. Policy questions. NA
- g. Congress. No involvement
- h. Extra-Agency action. The present FDD program absorbs its entire available manpower. FDD cannot undertake the comprehensive processing of the large additional volume of material available on building materials in addition to the work currently being performed with the personnel available at the present time.
- i. Proprietary companies. NA
- j. Special considerations. NA
- k. Liquidation. NA

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